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The Embassy of the United States of America
 presents its compliments to the Ministry for Foreign
 Affairs of Israel and has the honor to present in

accordance with accepted principles of international
 law a claim for \$123,500 on behalf of [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] and a claim for \$40,000 on behalf
 of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the widow,
 child and parents, respectively, of [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] a member of the United States Armed Forces
 who was killed while serving aboard the U.S.S. Liberty
 when it was attacked by Israeli air and naval units on
 June 8, 1967.

It is established from evidence available to the
 Government of the United States that [REDACTED]
 is now and has been a citizen of the United States since
 May 4, 1944 the date of her birth at Dallas, Texas, that
 she was married to the decedent at the time of death,
 and that such marriage occurred on September 21, 1963;
 that as a result of such marriage [REDACTED] was
 born on November 15, 1965.

It is also established that [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] are the natural parents of the decedent
 and are now and have been citizens of the United States
 since October 20, 1911 and February 26, 1913, respectively,
 the date of their births at Natrona, Pennsylvania and

The evidence further establishes that the decedent [REDACTED] was a citizen of the United States since February 15, 1937, the date of his birth at Tarentum, Pennsylvania, was a member of the United States Armed Forces stationed aboard the U.S.S. Liberty on June 8, 1967, and was killed as a result of the Israeli attack.

The amount of the claim for the surviving wife and child is based upon the loss of special services the decedent would have performed, shock and mental anguish suffered as a result of the death and the loss of financial contributions the decedent would have made towards their support. In determining the latter amount consideration has been given to the age of the decedent at the time of death; the number of years decedent would have been employed; the actual yearly salary at the time of death; the average yearly salary projected over the years the decedent would have been employed; the expenses decedent would have incurred over the years such as family expenses, income taxes and personal expenses, and the present worth of the contributions.

The amount of the claim for the surviving parents includes a specific allowance for shock and emotional anguish suffered by the parents as a result of the violent severing of family ties. It also includes an allowance for future support, services and other benefits which the decedent could reasonably be expected

The Embassy of the United States confidently anticipates on the basis of assurances previously given by the Government of Israel that the Government of Israel promptly will compensate the United States on behalf of the widow, child and parents of [REDACTED] for the amount claimed.

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Embassy of the United States of America

Tel Aviv, DEC 29 1967